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1. At 7:30 a.m. on 31 August, a troop train bound for Luckenwalde carrying 8 trucks and 4 jeeps [redacted] and about 60 soldiers passed through the Seddin (N 53/2 52) railroad station. A jeep was unloaded from this train between stations [redacted] the unit commander was ordered to go to Mustermark (N 53/2 55). (1) At 8:45 p.m. on 1 September, 3 flatcars with sideracks carrying 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 3 heavy guns with two-axle gun carriage, a barrel about 2 meters long and a caliber of about 20 mm, were coupled to a freight train. It stopped at the Seddin railroad station. The train had come from Jueterbog. The guns on the train were canvas covered except for the barrels. The train was bound for the Dallgow railroad station near Doeberitz (N 53/2 65). 25X1
2. At 4:20 a.m. on 5 September, a train which had come from the direction of Templin and carried about 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia, 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 field kitchen and 8 trucks [redacted] stood at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 00) railroad station. (2) 25X1
3. At 11:30 a.m. on 4 September, a train from Jueterbog consisting of 6 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns, a field kitchen and 8 trucks [redacted] arrived at the Oranienburg (N 53/2 77) freight station and, at 11:45 a.m., proceeded to Finow. At 10 a.m. on 6 September, a train from Jueterbog consisting of 15 boxcars including 3 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, a field kitchen and 6 trucks [redacted] arrived at 10 a.m. and proceeded to Templin at 10:40 a.m. (3) 25X1
4. During the period from 22 August to 6 September, numerous trains carrying women arrived at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station from the east and proceeding westward. (4) At 6:50 p.m. on 6 September, a train carrying 20 T-34 tanks passed through the railroad station in east-west direction. (5) 25X1

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5. During the period from 30 August to 4 September, trains with women were continuously seen passing the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station in east-west direction. (4) At 6 p.m. on 31 August, 14 factory-new heavy tanks arrived at the railroad station, coming from the east. (F-3) (5)
6. In late August, a guard detail arrived at the hutment close to the Horn Kaserne on Lühner Chaussee, Frankfurt/Oder. Five trucks with unarmed personnel entered this camp at night on 29 August. However, the camp was again vacant except for the guard detail at noon on 30 August.
7. In mid-August, [redacted] took over the buildings of the VML Deutsche Seefahrt auf der Oder (German Oder River Shipping Company) on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder. (6)
8. [redacted] a building of the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stolling Strasse was being reconditioned and scheduled to be completed until mid-September to quarter a headquarters subordinate [redacted] and commanded by Colonel Lashko (fnu). [redacted] the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee [redacted] and that Colonel Petrenko (fnu) of Arty Unit [redacted] at the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was transferred to an unidentified unit and was succeeded by Colonel Asatolov (fnu). (7)
9. On 26 August, [redacted] motorized Unit [redacted] commanded by Colonel Crachev (fnu) was quartered at the Techentin airfield, near Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53). (7)

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- Comments.
- (1) [redacted] saw the train which carried the same unit of the headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Necz Army which returned from Luckenwalde to Oberswalde on 1 September. [redacted] and the second sentence of paragraph 3 of the present report.
- (2) [redacted] the same train carrying an AAA unit of the air force which left Jüterbog toward Finow on 3 September and stood at the Oberswalde railroad station on 5 September.
- (3) The vehicles belong to [redacted] the Fourth Gds Necz Army. It is possible that the train came from Luckenwalde where it had gone on about 31 August. See also paragraph 1 of this report.
- (4) [redacted]
- (5) [redacted] a train carrying 13 SP guns came from the east on 31 August and was forwarded to Prenzlau. [redacted]. Although the reference report on Frankfurt/Oder covers only the period until 4 September, the arrival of additional tanks at a later date is quite possible as the departure of a further number of empty heavy duty eastward tended to indicate that the tank shipments would be continued.
- (6) The houses on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse were reported for the first time as being vacated. [redacted] houses on Seitenstrasse and on Hellerweg were vacated for German and Soviet offices from Potsdam and, allegedly, also from Karlshorst. [redacted] belongs to an NGB unit or office which was previously determined in Potsdam constitutes a confirmation of these observations. The transfer is believed to have been made in conjunction with the disbandment of the governments in the Laender and the creation of the new district offices in Eastern Germany.

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